

## AMERICA TO MASTER SEAS AFTER THE WAR

### MAY BE LEADER IN SHIPPING FOR YEARS TO COME

#### Shipping Men Think Possession of Great Merchant Fleet Will be a Most Powerful Asset.

Cardiff, Wales, January 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The possession of a great merchant shipping fleet, which will be the most powerful asset a nation can possess in the after-war period, according to Cardiff shipping men. From this point of view, it is pointed out, the realization of the American shipbuilding program, combined with the United States' resources in materials needed by Europe, will make the United States an almost preponderant factor in world politics for many years after peace is declared.

The annual reports of the big Cardiff shipping companies, which have just been made public, all emphasize this post-war importance of merchant shipping. One company says:

"The demand for tonnage will be greater in 1918 than it has been in any year, and the utility of ships will enormously increase. But the economic world crisis will not reach its climax until after the war.

"If the law of supply and demand was allowed to operate ships might some day be worth their weight in gold to their owners, but in the present controlled state of trade their immense value as national assets really detracts from their value as money-making instruments.

"Ships are, and will continue for some time to be, the most important factor of all in helping to preserve the lives of nations, and the states of Europe will not be likely to release their hold on shipping after the war until there are sufficient ships to insure safety in regard to supplies of food and other essentials."

The same report cites the entry of America into the war as the element which made possible the practical government control of shipping all over the world, asserting:

"The amazing task of bringing the world's tonnage under the control of the organization became only a matter of time from the moment America came in."

Concerning the ruthless submarine war, the company says:

"The many acts of lawlessness and cruelty which were subsequently committed by German submarines against allied and neutral shipping, spreading death and disaster among innocent men will forever remain one of the blackest chapters in the annals of the world's shipping history."

### Your Child's Teeth

It is long before a child begins to take solid food that the task of providing him with a strong set of teeth must be begun. Dr. J. I. Durand, as a result of an investigation based on over two thousand school children in Seattle, and substantiated by his work in connection with the Better Babies contests held in Seattle, has concluded conclusively that a poorly balanced diet during the first nine months of a child's life may work havoc with his teeth in later years. This is because it is during these early months that the bones of the jaws harden and the teeth develop in them. This development is impossible under a diet high in sugars and starches, and low in fat tissue-building, and mineral substances. This in one reason, added to the many reasons we are all familiar with, why mothers should be willing to make great sacrifices in order to give their children the advantages of a breast-milk diet. Dr. Durand has proved that breast-fed babies stand the best chance of developing strong and beautiful teeth later in life. Babies fed on properly modified cow's milk stand the next best chance. And babies fed on sweetened condensed milk are under a severe handicap. More over, Dr. Durand recommends the early addition of meat, fruits, and vegetables, with their mineral constituents, to the child's diet. Orange juice, he declares, may be given in small quantities after the first month, and vegetables, fruits, and meats, also in small amounts, as early as the sixth of seventh month.

Then, too, in babyhood the infant's jaw is developing and it is very important that the child be given an opportunity to exercise the muscles of mastication through chewing on tough crusts, tough strips of meat, bones, and other hard and tough articles. Otherwise the jaw does not develop properly and provide sufficient room for the teeth. When a jaw is too small the teeth are inclined to be crowded and irregular. This affects not only the child's good looks, but it makes it easier for pieces of food to lodge between the teeth.

## LIFT CHURCH DEBT

### Methodists are Rejoicing Over Great Achievement

The entire town of Dillon is rejoicing over a great achievement of the Methodist church here. Many people will remember that a few years ago the Methodists of Dillon built one of the best Churches in the state. This building was destroyed by fire soon after its completion. The members, though greatly stunned by the blow were not discouraged, so they heroically entered upon the work of erecting another building, even better than the first. As a result of the great disaster a heavy debt was incurred. This debt has hampered the work of the church.

At the recent session of the South Carolina Conference Dr. Watson B. Duncan was appointed to this place. Dr. Duncan has a reputation for raising church debts. As soon as the weather would permit he planned a campaign to raise the entire indebtedness of the church. The following committee was appointed to take up the work: Dr. Watson B. Duncan, W. H. Muller, W. C. Moore, L. Cottingham and L. C. Braddy. This committee got all the notes and found that the church owed about \$21,000.00. The entire amount has been secured from the people. Nineteen thousand and over has been already collected and paid out. The balance is pledged and the committee is collecting and taking up the smaller outstanding accounts as they can be reached.

Dr. Duncan has more than sustained his reputation as an organizer and has started off his quadrennium most auspiciously. He has worked up the officers of the church into an enthusiastic co-operative working body and this spirit has spread throughout the membership as if by magic. Large congregations attend each service and now that the great burden of a large debt is lifted, Methodism in Dillon will grow and flourish as never before.

The achievement of raising the debt of over twenty thousand dollars in this one campaign under the mastery skill and leadership of Dr. Duncan is the talk of the town and everybody in the whole community is delighted.

## ITALIAN LASS HAS

### CAPTAIN'S BERTH

#### First Woman in the World to Qualify as a Ship's Navigator is Miss Elise Belluomini.

Paris, Jan. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Italy claims the first woman to qualify as a captain of a merchant vessel in the ocean-going trade. She is Miss Elise Belluomini, a young woman of Viareggio, Italy, who has just passed her final examinations and is awaiting an assignment to active service.

Born and reared among a sea-faring folk, Miss Belluomini developed in early life an ardent desire to follow the sea for a career. She communicated her ambition to her relatives and friends, but they laughed at her. A woman sailor! It was impossible, they told her.

The young woman was not to be swayed from her purpose, however, and she finally found a sympathetic friend in a retired sea captain who told her of having seen women navigators in the coastwise trade of the Hawaiian Islands. The girl's remarkable knowledge of the sea surprised the old captain who gave her every encouragement and finally recommended her to the maritime authorities of Livourne.

Some months later Miss Belluomini was, by special decree, allowed to take a course in the nautical institute at Viareggio. Her progress was astonishing. The ease and facility with which she mastered the difficult nautical problems submitted to her won the admiration and respect of her professors and fellow students, who aided her in every way possible.

New difficulties presented themselves however, after she had passed the required examinations at the institute. The Mariner's union refused as first to break its traditional policy of admitting a woman to its membership. The girl's perseverance finally triumphed over all obstacles and she received the coveted master's license in the ocean-going trade. Concerning her plans Miss Belluomini said:

"I enter the sea service at a troubled period when each day one risks his life at sea, but I will attempt to demonstrate to my sailors that a woman may be just as courageous as a man. If I should be unfortunate enough to have my boat torpedoed, I shall follow the traditional policy of the sea and see that the crew is saved in boat that has been confided in my care. My life! I am ready to sacrifice it. I am today at the service of my country and of her dear and noble sisters, France, American and England."

P. A. Wilcox, assistant chief counsel of the A. C. L., with headquarters in Wilmington, spent Monday in the city.

## NEW ENEMY COMES FOR SEA WOLVES

### POWERFUL SUBMARINE FIGHTERS BEING BUILT

#### Secretary Daniels Says Contracts for "Several Scores" of Improved Crafts Are Placed

Washington, Jan. 31.—New submarine fighters of a powerful type are about to be turned out in the United States in large numbers. After testifying today before the house naval committee on the naval appropriation bill Secretary Daniels authorized the statement that contracts for "several scores" of the new craft have been placed with the Ford Motor Company of Detroit. He described them as half way between a destroyer and submarine chaser" 200 feet long and equipped with latest discoveries for combating submarines.

All parts of ships except the engines are to be fabricated in Detroit and the parts shipped to seaboard, where they will be assembled. Changes in the Ford plant to permit the handling of the work have progressed so swiftly, Mr. Daniels said, that the deliveries during the coming summer are assured.

The new vessels are expected to prove far superior to the chasers now in use. They will have steam power with a grater radius of action, will be more seaworthy and will be able to carry heavier armament. It has developed that the latest German submarines are equipped with guns which outrange those of small chasers and even some merchant ships.

Henry Ford, president and principal owner of the Ford Company, recently placed before Secretary Daniels plans showing the practicability of converting a large part of his factory into a ship fabricating plant. Naval constructors had evolved the latest submarine chaser and Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, with two assistants, was sent to inspect the Ford plant. After the officers had made their report the contracts were placed.

Possibility that additional contracts might be given other automobile firms was suggested by Mr. Daniels.

In connection with Mr. Daniels' renewed recommendation for a large increase in both temporary and permanent enlistment personnel of the navy, it was learned today that the department plans extensive enlargement of several existing training stations. Plans already have been approved for enlarging the Pelham Bay (N. Y.) and Norfolk (Va.) stations. Five thousand men now are at Pelham Bay and 16,000 at Norfolk.

Secretary Daniels said the navy now has 95,000 men under instruction and, with the recommended increase, will have men enough to supply crews not only for the entire naval construction program as now contemplated, but also for the hundreds of merchant ships which are to be placed under his supervision.

## TO RUSH COTTON EAST

### Will be Shipped From Charleston and Other Southern Ports

Washington, Feb. 1.—To relieve shortage of cotton at New England mills Director General McAdoo instructed C. H. Arkham, regional railway director for the South, to ship immediately between 50,000 and 100,000 bales of cotton to Brunswick, Savannah, Charleston and other Southern ports for transshipment by water to New York and New England.

The action was taken after a conference between Mr. McAdoo and representatives of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and New England commercial interests, who explained that many cotton mills have recently shutdown because they could not get sufficient material.

The director general's instructions to Mr. Markham were:

"You may accept and forward at current rates by way of Brunswick, Savannah or Charleston 50,000 to 100,000 bales of cotton for domestic consumption in New York or vicinity, or New England points. The shipping board will provide ships, which will be operated in the regular lines. There may be some delay at ports awaiting ships, but nothing serious. It might be well to arrange to unload cars at ports on arrival. I assume there is sufficient storage to take care of this amount, should it all accumulate before the ships arrive.

"It should be routed by way of either of these Southern ports in amounts to make full cargoes for New York or New England points. You may use any desirable rail route to the Southern ports of origin, advising me of the amount of cotton used so that special arrangements may be issued."

## FOOD ADMINISTRATORS MEET

### Convention Adopts Important Resolution Offered by Judge Davis

County Food Administrator Joe C. Bell Davis has returned from a meeting of the State County Food Administrators held in Columbia Monday where all of the perplexing questions were thoroughly thrashed out. The meeting adopted a resolution offered by Judge Davis and same was sent to Federal Food Administrator Hoover asking that it be adopted. Now this has not been ruled upon as yet, but only suggested to Mr. Hoover. The resolution is as follows: "That persons running a grist mill be required to register with the U. S. Food Commissioner or the County Food Commissioner." A farmer can then carry his corn to the miller and have it ground into meal or grits, the miller will then issue him a certificate to the effect that he had that day ground so many pounds of meal or grits for the party. The party then takes this certificate to the merchant and the merchant will be allowed to sell him an equal number of pounds of flour provided it does not exceed the amount allowed by law. This certificate must be delivered to the merchant within 5 days from date of issue. Don't get confused, this has not yet been passed upon. Judge Davis said that every one of the County Food Administrators stated that they were meeting with hearty co-operation from the merchants and the people in, carrying out the government's wishes.

One of the latest Food Administrators rulings: Wholesale Merchants can only make a profit of from 40 to 75 cents per barrel on flour, according to service.

Retailers can only make a profit of from 80 cents to \$1.20 per barrel on flour, according to service. Profit means above actual cost. Keep this in mind or the food man will get you.

Retailers are not allowed to make more than 10 per cent above actual cost on sugar.

## Food Men Organize

County Food Administrator Davis yesterday organized the County by school districts in order to place before the people of the county as quickly as possible the rulings of the Food Administrator and to carry out the laws to better advantage. The following gentlemen will be commissioned by the Federal Food Administration as County Food Representatives:

J. F. Dew, Pee Dee No. 1; D. B. McInnis, Carolina No. 2; W. D. Traywick, Harlee No. 3; J. E. Meadors, Little River No. 4; J. W. McKay, Oakland No. 5; W. W. Evans, Minturn No. 6; W. C. Lane, Zion No. 7; John H. Hamer, Dillon No. 8; Z. A. Ellen, Dothan No. 9; J. A. Hayes, New Holly No. 10; J. A. McLeod, Bingham No. 11; W. S. Campbell, Hamer-Kenture No. 12; J. C. Adams, Union No. 13; Barney Barnett, Lake View No. 14; N. E. McQueen, Mt. Calvary No. 15; M. E. Hayes, Kemper No. 16; S. F. Stephens, Bermuda No. 17; J. H. Berry, Manning No. 18; J. H. Stackhouse, Floydale No. 19; W. Dallas Bethea, Latta No. 20; P. A. George, Daleco No. 21; J. S. Fair, Oak Grove No. 22; E. T. Ayres, Hillsboro No. 23; J. D. Ray, High Hill No. 24; F. M. Page, Pleasant Hill No. 25; B. R. Roberts, Fork No. 26; S. L. Watson, Temperance No. 27; C. E. Haselden, Sellers No. 28.

Just as fast as the Food Commission issues rulings they will be placed in the hands of these gentlemen who will at all times be only too willing to furnish any information desired. They will also be empowered to see that the Food Administrator's regulations are complied with. Just as soon as the necessary blanks arrive they will take an inventory of all the flour in the county. Persons having one barrel or over will be required to furnish them with the amounts they have on hand. The Government is doing this so they can locate the flour and know where it is. You will confer quite a favor upon these gentlemen by giving them your inventory instead of waiting for them to call for it. These gentlemen, like the County Food Administrator, are doing this work without one penny of compensation. They are doing it from a patriotic standpoint, so help them and make it as easy as possible for them and the government and they will appreciate it. Above all don't argue with them as they do not make the rulings. They are made by the government and it is their duty to explain them to you and see that they are carried out.

Correspondents will please mail their letters so they will reach us not later than Tuesday night. We had to omit this week two interesting communications received just as we were going to press.

## COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

### WASY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

#### News Items of Interest to Herald Readers. Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

### Mallory

Mr. Earnest Newton aged about 55 years died suddenly on Thursday afternoon of heart failure. Burial was postponed till Sunday morning awaiting arrival of his only surviving sister, Mrs. J. G. Clifton of Fort Lawn, S. C.

Mr. Newton was a member of the Marlboro family of Newton's and was a quiet, inoffensive citizen and a member of Brownsville Baptist church. He had been in failing health for more than a year but his sudden end was not expected.

### Fork

Elbert Fort, of Guilford College, spent several days last week at home. Misses Emma Bass, Sallie Kate Mims and Stanton spent the weekend at Latta. C. E. Rogers of Greensboro, N. C., spent several days last week with his father, G. L. Rogers, who is very ill.

Norton Owens who has been working at Petersburg, Va., is at home. L. G. Rogers of Florence, S. C., spent Sunday here with relatives.

### Floydale

The Floydale Improvement Association will meet at Mrs. H. B. Floyd's on Wednesday afternoon Feb. 13, at three o'clock. Miss Maggie Evans will be present and demonstrate the making of bread with the substitutes.

Miss Kate Page who has been visiting in Graham, N. C., has returned home and was accompanied by her sister Mrs. Moore and daughter Miss Blanche. Several from here attended quarterly conference at Zion Saturday and Sunday.

### Dothan

There was a business meeting of Robert E. Lee Literary Society Friday afternoon and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Edie Wallace; Vice President, Miss Emma Taylor; Secretary, Roscoe Gibbis; Critic, Miss Pearl Taylor; News Correspondent, Dewey Stanton.

The night school has been in session for a week and the prospects are quite encouraging. Fitzhugh Bethea, Jr., has been quite ill but is some better. Henry Richardson of Mullins is visiting a friend William Keith near Dothan this week and attended night school at Dothan school last night, Feb. 4.

### Sellers

We teachers that the Marion county teachers have cut out Field Day. We are very sorry of this, as Field Day was just becoming interesting in Marion, but we suppose that we border county schools will just have to report of our sins and return to Dillon County.

The ladies school club here held a very interesting meeting on last Thursday afternoon at the school building. It being the regular time for electing the officers, the following were elected: President, Mrs. B. B. Sellers; Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Sellers; Secretary, Mrs. D. W. Watson and Treasurer, Mrs. Felix Smith. In order to conserve wood the next meeting will be held with Mrs. B. B. Sellers on Friday afternoon Feb. 22, at 4 o'clock. The ladies of the community are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. W. D. Sellers is preparing to install electric lights and water-works in his home. Notice has been received that the New Baptist minister, Dr. W. C. Foster will preach at Antioch the 1st Sunday in March at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. J. C. Sellers attended the 1st quarterly conference of the circuit at Zion on last Saturday. He reported that the finances of the circuit were in good condition. The next conference will be held at Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Manning spent Sunday at Latta. Mr. M. D. Briggs visited his friend Mr. Austin Watson on last Sunday.

The weather has been miserable the past week and the roads are almost impassable in places.

### Oak Grove

One night school opened last Monday.

## DILLON BOY DIES IN FRANCE

### Gen. E. McDowell of Johnson Engineers Victim of Meningitis.

A cablegram was received in Dillon Monday announcing the death of Gen. E. McDowell, a member of the Johnson Engineers in France. Young McDowell was a victim of spinal meningitis. The young man enlisted with the Johnson Engineers when the battalion was first organized. His father is J. M. McDowell.

Relatives of the young man were making efforts Monday to have the body sent home, but when told that it would be almost impossible to bring the body home until the close of the war they abandoned their efforts. The graves of American soldiers who die abroad are being marked and the government has promised that it will bring the bodies home after the close of the war.

There are about 25 young men from Dillon county with the Johnson Engineers in France, and a cablegram from Maj. J. Monroe Johnson to the governor states that the boys are getting along all right and the health of the camp is good.

Replying to a letter from Mr. D. V. Hamilton in regard to his son, Smith who is with the engineers Maj. Johnson said the boys were happy, healthy and having a good time.

### WILL BE NO PROSECUTION

#### Where Remitters Have Not Received License Plates

Columbia, Feb. 1.—In cases where owners of motor vehicles have remitted fees to the State Highway Department and have not received their license plates there will be no prosecution for violation of the law, says a letter from the Attorney General this afternoon to F. H. Murray, secretary of the department.

The Attorney General stated that he had received many complaints about the delay in the issuance of licenses.

"Under the view that I take of the law," said the Attorney General, "I feel it my duty to advise them (the complainants) that where the remittance was made in good faith to the department in order to secure a license before February 1st, the Attorney General will not prosecute against them, nor will he dismiss such prosecutions brought in such cases. This is intended as a reflection upon the fee, but I hope you will employ sufficient clerical help to issue the license applied for."

If the failure to issue a license is due to the inability of your department to issue a license, a penalty should be placed where he has paid it in full.

### Attempts to Evade

Greenville, S. C. Judge Advocate at once announced today the action by general court soldiers of the 30th Infantry service. Private, of Granite Falls, tended to four in the Federal penitentiary on charges of larceny of \$100. Edward J. Catness, was given cutting off the hand. The same were in the case because the reason that the valuable than military service.

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